



July 25, 2014

Via Email

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
866 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Support for Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' motion: Initial Steps to Support a Comprehensive Diversion Plan for Los Angeles County

Dear Supervisor Ridley-Thomas:

The ACLU of Southern California commends you for your Motion entered July 15, 2014 to help fund diversion efforts. Your motion clears a path for increased public safety, better compliance with upcoming Department of Justice recommendations, future cost savings, and just treatment of our most vulnerable neighbors. It is a sound investment in our County and we are very grateful for your leadership and commitment to it. Please let us know how we can help and support your continued efforts on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

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ACLU of Southern California

Jessica Farris
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cc: Nedra Jenkins, Chief Deputy (via e-mail)
Alex Johnson, Assistant Senior Deputy for Education and Public Safety (via e-mail)

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